



# The **Scottsdale Education Center** Journal

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Back to School 2011

## Summer Packets *Honors/ AP/ IB students* – Get ahead NOW!



Don't forget to complete summer work packets.....most involve extensive reading and/or writing and should not be completed the night or even weekend before school starts. Math and Science packets can be particularly challenging. Students who want to hit the ground running in the fall often

meet with our tutors before turning in their summer packets to ensure comprehension, review books and/or concepts. Don't start out behind the pack the first day of school. Freshman IB and Honors students should **seriously consider** signing up for an hour or two

review. There is a BIG difference between middle school and high school in terms of expectations and quality required for excellence. Reading the Cliff note version of a book or online synopsis is NOT enough. Junior Honors/ AP/ and IB students will also see a big difference between what was expected in Freshman and Sophomore classes and what is expected as a Junior or Senior. Don't forget, an AP class is considered a college level course and it will be much more rigorous than even a honors High School class.



## **FREE OFFER** with Monthly Tutoring



Special Back to School Monthly Tutoring Promotion: Sign up for ongoing monthly tutoring...same time, same day, same tutor... before August 8, 2011 and receive a free semi-private drop-in session to be used before December 15, 2011. (One session per family) Don't miss this great opportunity to lock in your most desired time and tutor. Very important for busy students and parents. Some tutors already have students scheduled for the fall.

## SAT/ACT Classes

The 2011 fall test dates for SAT and ACT are approaching! Sign up for one of SEC's preparation classes TODAY! **ACT Session I begins Thursday, August 11th and will be held Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30pm. SAT Session I begins Tuesday, September 6th and will be held Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm.** Semi-private and private tutoring also available. Call 480-538-0828 TODAY for more details or to sign up, or visit our website: [www.sectutoring.com](http://www.sectutoring.com).

**Back to School TO DO LIST**

- Sign up for your preferred tutoring time with your favorite tutor before August 8 and receive a Free Semi-private drop in session
- Register for SEC's upcoming SAT & ACT Classes (see below)
- Get your student in for SEC's Study Skills and Organizational program before school starts
- For Juniors & Seniors – Set up a college coaching session. Some applications are due by Nov. 1 and others may be completed this summer.

## New Tutors



SEC is pleased to announce the addition of two new team members: Derek Glazier for Chemistry and Biology and Colleen Johnson for study skills/homework support and early childhood education. Derek graduated from ASU with a degree in Bio/Chem. He is applying to medical school and is teaching at Gilbert High School. He will be tutoring Biology, Chemistry, Physics, HPA, pre-Algebra and Algebra I. Colleen double majored in Child Development and Recreation, Parks & Leisure Services Administration from Central Michigan University. She will be working in the Homework Support and Study Skills program and is an AZ certified teacher who will be working with the elementary students. We are excited to have them on staff this new school year!



## College Coaching



Outstanding results from college coaching sessions at Scottsdale Education Center! Yale, Stanford, Columbia, MIT, UC Berkeley, DUKE, Air Force Academy, Penn State, Lewis and Clark, Ole Miss, Purdue, USC, UCLA, U of A, ASU and NAU are just a few of the colleges where students working with Kim Duckworth placed in the past couple of years. College selection, application completion, timeline, essay development, resume creation, interview preparation are some of the areas where help can be provided, plus much more! Cost: \$65



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9am to 4pm



## Your Bridge to Academic Success

### Back to School Events

Supplies 4 Students - Supply Drive

July 18-  
Aug 10

SEC 2011-2012 Registration Info Mailed

July 26

This year, SEC will be going GREEN and having our registration forms ONLINE! Go to [www.sectutoring.com](http://www.sectutoring.com), click on the REGISTRATION tab and fill out your info! Then call SEC at 480-538-0828 to choose your tutoring schedule. (All information must be submitted with the \$40 registration fee in order to schedule.)

First Day of Fall 2011 Tutoring

August 8

# 2011 School Registration Dates

School start dates: Summer is almost over. Following are the start dates for several of our local school districts and private schools:

### Notre Dame Preparatory

Start Date: August 8th, 2011

### Scottsdale Unified Schools

Start Date: August 8th, 2011

Registration:

<b>DMHS-</b> 8/1 Seniors	8:30am-2pm
8/2 Juniors	8am-2pm
8/3 Sophomores	8am-2pm
8/4 Freshmen	8am-2pm

### Chaparral - 8/1 Seniors 10am-1pm |

8/2 Juniors 8am-1pm

8/3 Sophomores 8am-1pm

8/4 Freshmen 8am-1pm

### Saguaro— 8/1 Seniors 7:30am-12pm |

8/2 Juniors 7:30am-12pm

8/3 Sophomores 7:30am-12pm

8/4 Freshmen 7:30am-12pm

### Arcadia- 8/1 Seniors 9am-1pm |

8/2 Juniors 9am-1pm

8/3 Sophomores 9am-1pm

8/4 Freshmen 9am-1pm

<b>Coronado-</b> 8/1 Seniors	7:30-11:30am
8/2 Juniors	8:30-12:30am
8/3 Sophomores	7:30-11:30am
8/4 Freshmen	7:30-11:30am

### Rancho Solano

Start Date: August 8th, 2011

### Scottsdale Preparatory

Start Date: August 8th, 2011

### BASIS

Start Date: August 8th, 2011

### Paradise Valley Unified Schools

Start Date: August 11th, 2011

Registration:

**Horizon**— Schedules Available on Infinite Campus Aug. 10th

**Pinnacle-** 8/4 Last Name A-F

8/5 Last Name G-M

8/8 Last Name N-Z

8/9 Make-up

### Scottsdale Christian Academy

Start Date: August 15th, 2011

Registration: 8/8 and 8/9 (Time TBA)

## Supplies 4 Students

### Backpack & Supply Drive



Supplies 4 Students- July 18 to August 10 – SEC will be hosting a supply drive in conjunction with the Communities in Schools program. You can provide students, who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford them, the tools they'll need to succeed in school by donating supplies and backpacks in the SEC Lobby in our SRP cardboard box. Backpacks are high need items.



## Q & A Corner



### How do I know if my child needs to be tutored?

If your student has consistently struggled with a particular subject (math, science, world languages, English, history, etc.), don't wait for quarter grades to get help. Or, if halfway through the first quarter (approximately Oct. 7th) your child is not doing well in a class, you should bring them in for subject tutoring. Most teachers spend the first week or two in review and then progress to new material. If your child has struggled with the review and the beginning of the new concepts, they will not have a solid foundation for the rest of the year. Getting them in now cannot only help save a semester grade, but can save money in the long run. Bringing in a student a few weeks before finals to try and "save" a grade is not realistic and concept issues will compound in the second semester.



### What is the top component that college admissions directors look at when evaluating college applications?



The number one indicator of success in college and generally the strongest element of your college application is the rigor of classes that you took in high school combined with your GPA. There are many other elements that effect admission decisions... SAT/ACT scores, leadership, academic vitality, community service, essay, character, rank in class, talent, letters of reference, interviews, legacy, residency, minority status, etc., but outside of talent based/audition based schools..... GPA RULES.

